

## EMBALMING ESTABLISH- MENT BURNS

**\$5000 Damage at  
Tillman Bros.**

**STARTED NEAR FURNACE**

**Waste Matter Piled Near  
Boiler Starts Ser-  
ious Blaze**

Fire, starting in a pile of refuse near the furnace, did \$5,000 damage to the building and stock of Tillman Brothers, undertakers, 111 South Third street, this morning. The fire started at 7:17 o'clock and cleaned out the entire rear of the building.

An elevator shaft, located a short distance from the furnace, provided an exit for the flames and the fire quickly shot up this passageway. The entire rear of the building from the basement to the attic, was damaged, while the roof was destroyed.

Four fire companies, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, were called out by Chief Bradford to assist in stopping the flames. No. 4 was stationed at the central house for emergency.

The fire started in a pile of sawdust, excelsior and rags, around the furnace. Once ignited the flames spread rapidly, the elevator shaft drawing them upwards. Little damage was done to the first floor. The second was burned the most. When the flames reached here, they began encroaching upon the forward part of the building, working to the street. On the third floor the flames went through the roof of the entire building.

The firemen worked valiantly, but were unable to make much headway against the flames at the start because of the nature of the fire. Water was poured into the building in an effort to reach them. When the fire was seen at last, it was put out quickly.

The buildings adjoining, occupied by Fessler & Dahl, undertakers, 109 South Third street, and the Bijou theater, 113-115 South Third street, were not damaged materially. Smoke and water did little injury, but will not deter the firms from doing business.

The building occupied by Tillman Brothers was owned by the firm. Insurance in the sum of \$2,000 on the building and \$1,800 on the stock was carried. It is believed this will cover the loss. Mr. Tillman was unable to state the loss this afternoon, not having taken an inventory of the damaged articles and those that remained. Fire Chief Bradford placed the loss at a \$5,000 figure. This estimate is considered good.

Fred J. McGlavin, captain at the central fire station, and Frank Fischer, pipeman, attached to No. 3 station, narrowly escaped serious injury and probable death, by a fall of fourteen feet during the progress of the fire at Tillman Brothers, 111 South Third street, this morning.

Captain McGlavin and Pipeman Fischer fell from the second floor to the first, alighting on a pile of rubbish which probably saved them from injury or death. The two were directing a stream of water on the fire. They ascended the rear steps of the building. The fire had burned the top of the stairway and when the firemen reached here, they fell to the

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## ELKS OPEN HAND- SOME NEW CLUB

**Formal Dedication of Lux-  
uriously Appointed Quar-  
ters Tonight**

Formal opening of the Elks' luxuriously appointed club, occupying the second and third floors of the handsome new theater building, will be held tonight. Special initiatory ceremonies, a banquet and program of speeches together with a general social session will comprise the opening.

Kruetz' orchestra will furnish music for the affair, playing in the banquet hall during the banquet and in the club the rest of the evening.

About one hundred Winona Elks arrived this evening in a special car to take charge of the ceremonies of initiation which will begin at 7 o'clock sharp. Elks from various parts of the state and nearby cities are also expected to be present, besides practically the entire membership of the local lodge, No. 300, making the attendance exceptionally large.

The new club will be thrown open early this evening for the Elks and Elk visitors. Following the initiation a banquet will be served in the lodge hall, which has been specially decorated for the occasion, after which a social session will be held in the club rooms.

The club is furnished throughout in mahogany and leather. The first floor comprises the lobby, reception room, lounge room, card rooms, grill room, billiard room, buffet, kitchen and coat and toilet rooms. The reception and lounge rooms which are practically a single room, separated by a handsome high arch supported upon each side by two massive mahogany pillars is furnished in all-over leather with mahogany small furniture, tables and writing desk. A handsome elk head is hung in the lounge rooms. The draperies, carpets and rugs are of a peculiar tint of green. This effect is carried into the card rooms, in which there are easy chairs and leather couches, beside the card tables and chairs. The grill room is a spacious place fitted with five mahogany tables of special design and the buffet is one of the most modern in point of equipment of any club in the northwest. The billiard room is fitted with two billiard and two pool tables and is finished throughout in mahogany. The color scheme in the grill room will be brown. The mahogany furniture, and rattan was furnished by the S. Ganter company and the carpets and draperies were purchased from the Anderson Carpet company.

On the third floor of the building is the lodge hall, balcony, anterooms and cloak room, ladies' retiring room, paraphernalia and toilet rooms. The woodwork of the third floor is antique oak. The balcony, which runs the entire length of the hall is large enough to seat more than one hundred comfortably at a banquet. The lodge furniture is in antique oak, and instead of chairs, a series of six-foot leather seats and back settees of mission design are placed about the lodge hall. These settees were made by Louis Kenyon, upholsterer.

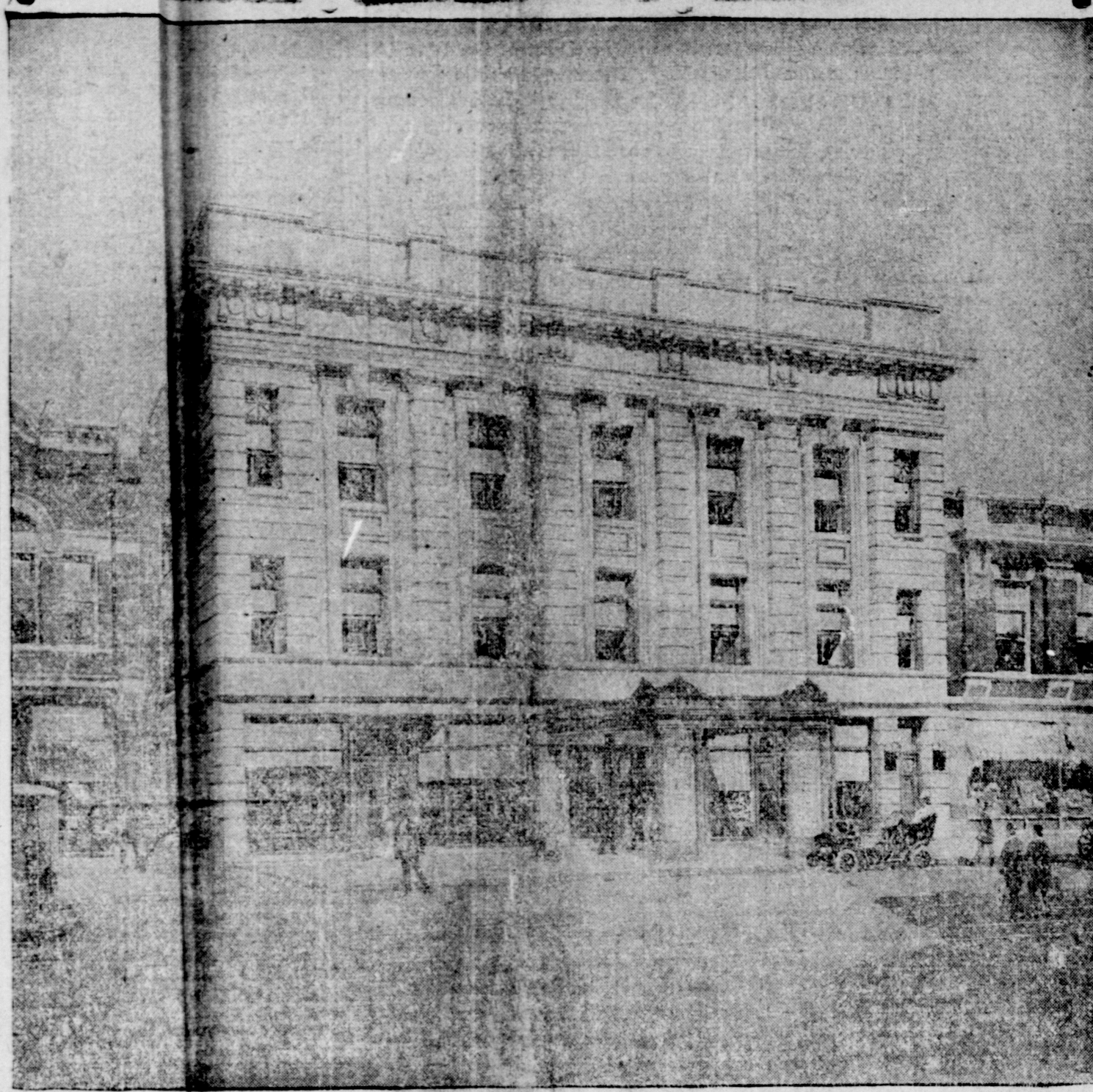
The club and lodge apartments are equipped with handsome electrical fittings, there being nine double-glow Nernst lamps in the lodge hall besides a row of incandescent globes along the balcony.

Though a few days ago the club was in chaos, with workmen and rubbish in every corner, the apartments will be completed and in shape for the opening tonight. It is probable a day will be appointed within a short time upon which the general public will be given an opportunity to inspect the Elks' handsome new quarters. Ladies will be invited to inspect the club on Fridays.

### JUDGE HUNT BACK

Justice C. W. Hunt has returned from Marshfield and Reedsburg, Wis., where he visited his parents and sister during the holidays.

## NEW LA CROSSE ELKS' CLUB



New La Crosse Tater building, the second and third floors of which are occupied by the Elks' club, one of the handsomest and most luxuriously equipped clubs in the northwest, which will be formally opened with special initiatory ceremonies and banquet tonight.

## WANT IT SIMPLE

**Teachers of two States  
Endorse Roosevelt's  
Simplified Plan**

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—The State Teachers' association today passed resolutions favoring Roosevelt's reformed spelling an ordered copies sent to every text book publisher in the country. Twelve hundred women teachers favored the resolution.

One man nearly killed the measure by a cleverly worded amendment that the association approve of Roosevelt's action in rescinding the order. A woman had to talk fifteen minutes to show her sisters that the amendment carried a joker.

J. J. McConnell, Mankato, was elected president.

Iowa teachers, yesterday adopted a similar amendment.

Badgers, too

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 29.—

The State Teachers' association this morning voted favoring simplified spelling and opposing target shooting in the schools, demanded state and national truant officers and scored the practice of holding teachers' conventions during the Christmas vacation. They demand a longer term than seven months.

## BOARD TESTS NEW HEATING PLANT

Test of the heating plant in the new high school is being made today by the board of public works and Thomas & Smith, contractors, Chicago, Ill., who built the plant.

A sufficient test of the plant can not be made today owing to the lack of zero weather. The fans and machinery are being run to test the volume of air displaced. Another test may be made before the board accepts the job.

### SELLS \$6,000 FARM

Frank C. Young has sold his farm in the town of Farmington to Henry Genske for \$6,000.

## WOMAN SAYS DEAD RAIL- ROAD MAGNATE WAS HER HUSBAND

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WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Rose Finn of Fitchburg, began proceedings against the estate of John Finn, manager of the Southern Pacific railroad, who died at Los Angeles Nov. 21.

The woman claims Finn was her husband and deserted her and her children twenty years ago. He married twice, she says, without securing a divorce from her.

## MUNICIPAL SKAT- ING RINK A GO

Municipal skating rinks will be the go in La Crosse this winter.

If the common council follows the recommendations of the entire park committee, several rinks scattered about the city will be established at the city's expense and maintained by the board of public works.

The committee last night decided to establish a rink on the capeway for the benefit of the North and South side skaters. The ice will be kept in good condition and free from snow by the board of public works. A man with police power probably will be stationed there to preserve order. A voting booth will be erected at the rink to provide shelter.

Powell's field, West avenue, between Jackson and Johnson streets, also may be flooded and maintained as a rink. This will serve as a place for the children in the southeastern section of the city to skate.

The council will decide the skating rink problem at the adjourned regular meeting next Friday night.

## CHARGED WITH STEALING

Ben Peterson was arraigned before Judge Brindley this afternoon on a charge of stealing a lap robe valued at \$20, from James Lynch. Peterson pleaded not guilty and waived the preliminary hearing.

## PIONEER IS DEAD

**Mary Ann Wuensch Dies at  
Farm Home After Long  
Residence Here**

Mary Ann Wuensch, the wife of Frank Wuensch Sr., a resident of St. Joseph's ridge and of La Crosse county since 1861, is dead of dropsy at the age of 76 years. Mrs. Wuensch was born in Nieder Leibig, Germany.

Two daughters, Mrs. Wenzel Ikert, 2402 Fremont street, and Mrs. Ernest Hess, 1024 Denton street and four sons, Lawrence, St. Joseph's ridge, Wenzel, 1230 Redfield street, Joseph and Frank survive.

The funeral will be held from the St. Joseph's Ridge Catholic church and interment made in the cemetery at that place.

## BREWER BUSCH IS BETTER

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 29.—Adolphus Busch's condition is favorable this morning. He will pass the crisis today.

## ROBBERS BURN BRICKYARD

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
DOVER, N. H., Dec. 29.—Robbers attacked the bookkeeper, Charles Goldthwaite, of Fiske Brothers' brickyard and when they thought they had killed him, ignited the plant. The loss is \$300,000.

Goldthwaite escaped.

## TWO CARDINALS DIE TODAY

ROME, Dec. 29.—Two cardinals, Cavogio and Triepi, died today, each of paralysis.

## WEATHER FORECAST

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Threatening weather with probable snow tonight; snow Sunday.  
Coldest, 22; warmest, 40; wind, 4 miles.  
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## MURDER WITNESS IN PENITENTIARY

**William Kosbab Sent to  
Waupun for Desert-  
ing Family**

William Kosbab, 323 South Twenty-second street, star witness for the defense in the Kehr murder trial, will return to Waupun for his third term after sentence of one year in the penitentiary for abandoning his family by Judge Brindley this morning.

With five small children under the care of his wife, Kosbab refused to support his family. The youngest child is under 2 years of age and the oldest not over 10. The mother of the children refused to part with them and worked hard to support the little family, happy though their father was away.

Kosbab returned from St. Cloud, Minn., where he has been employed since last July, when he disappeared, shortly after Christmas. He was penniless. He found a happy home and was received with open arms. Once in the good graces of his wife, Kosbab attempted to borrow the little money she had saved. He failed in this trickery.

Poor Commissioner Sol Burdick, who sent Kosbab to Waupun once, met him at this game. Kosbab was arrested on the complaint of the superintendent and pleaded guilty to the charge this morning.

On Oct. 31, 1900, Kosbab received a year at Waupun for passing a forged check upon Joseph Roth for \$13.66. One June 5, 1902, he received six months at Waupun for deserting his family.

## COULD EARN BIG WAGES; PREFERRED TO BE JAILED

Charles High, a machinist and able to earn \$4 per day, was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail this morning. He pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy before Judge Brindley.

## PASSENGER FERRY SINKS, NO DEATHS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The ferry boat Patterson of the Erie Railroad company with fifty passengers aboard collided with a freight lighter in North river this morning and sunk. All persons aboard were rescued.

Eighteen teams drowned in the heavy fog.

## STEAMER AGROUND

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 29.—The steamer Hamilton, carrying passengers and freight, went aground in the fog this morning off Sewell's Point, five miles below this city. The ship is rocking.

## RETIRING AMBASSADOR SAILS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Durand, the retiring British ambassador and family, sailed today.

## CHICAGO LIVESTOCK MARKET

(Quoted by Wis. Grain & Stock Co.)  
Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; left over, 2,000; market strong, 5 cents higher. Light, \$6.15 to \$6.27; heavy, \$6.05 to \$6.45; mixed and butchers, \$6.20 to \$6.45; rough, \$6.10 to \$6.20.  
Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; steady. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; steady.  
Minneapolis Cash Grain  
Wheat—Close—No. 1 hard, 78½¢ to 79¢; No. 1 northern, 77½¢ to 78¢; No. 2 northern, 75½¢ to 75¾¢; No. 3 northern, 72½¢ to 73½¢.  
Corn—No. 3 yellow, 36½¢; No. 3 corn, 35½¢.  
Oats—No. 3 white, 32½¢; No. 3, 30½¢ to 31½¢.  
Barley—4½¢ to 49¢.  
Rye—57½¢ to 59½¢.

## DROPS DEAD UNDER ROSE ST. VIADUCT

**Raymond Merrill's  
Heart Fails**

**WAS ON WAY TO DINNER**

**Pioneer Machinist of the  
North Side Dies Sud-  
denly Today**

While walking along the Milwaukee tracks toward his home, 500 Rose street, to dinner at 12:30 today, Raymond Merrill, aged 74, a veteran railroad machinist, dropped dead of heart failure under the Rose street viaduct. He was seen to fall by a number of railroad men, who hurried to his aid, but he was dead when they reached his side.

Mr. Merrill was born in Maine and learned his trade of machinist in Dun- kirke, Buffalo and Boston. He came to Wisconsin and lived in Tunnel City and Watertown, coming to La Crosse in June, 1868, where he has been a machinist in the railroad shops for nearly thirty years. He retired a few years ago.

Surviving are his widow and his children, Tracey and Edward R. of La Crosse, Mortimer of Milwaukee, Mrs. Florence Leech of Pearl River, N. Y., and Mrs. Harry B. Holway of Spokane, Wash. A brother, E. R. Merrill of New Rochelle, L. I., and a sister, Mrs. L. A. Johns of New York City also survive. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## J. J. HILL EMPIRE BUILDER RETIRES?

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—J. J. Hill denies he intends to resign and says the perennial rumors of his retirement are absolutely untrue and due to a statement made two years ago that he would like to throw the burdens upon younger shoulders after a few years.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 29.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway and probably the most picturesque and remarkable character of the railroad and financial world of today, will retire from active business and active management of his many mammoth enterprises July 1, 1907. This announcement comes from Mr. Hill himself.

His successor will be his eldest son, Louis W. Hill, now first vice president of the Great Northern, who possesses in large degree the exceptional genius of his father and who will have at his disposal the guiding hand of "the empire builder of the north-west."

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It is easier to write silly letters than

FARM HAND—Steady employment good inducement for married man 116 North Third street.



## LA CROSSE THEATRE

Up to and Including New Years

Afternoons at 2:30. Nights at 8:15.

## The New York All-Star Novelty Co.

All La Crosse Talking About This Show. Come and be Convinced.

## 6-Great Feature Acts-6

Lloyd's Siberian Wolf Hounds

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Strong Man and Comedy Acrobats

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Singing and Dancing Comedians

Dagmar Dunlap

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The Mimic Four

In a One Act Comedy Sketch Entitled:  
"The Next Day After."

Special Holiday Prices 10c, 15c, 25c

## AT THE THEATERS

"Mildred Holland aHs a Busy Vacation"

The week before Christmas as a rule is one of rest for the members of the theatrical profession, for the reason at that time of the year everybody is shopping, and the merchants and other clerks cannot attend the theater.

Miss Holland and her company were to lay off the week before Christmas at Webb City, Mo., having

given their last performance before the lay off at Joplin, Mo. The newspapers the next day were full of praise, and the manager of Galena, Kan. (which is only a few miles away) finally prevailed upon Miss Holland to give a performance there on Friday night, December 21st. The advance agent had already gone along to advertise the attraction for the cities to be visited Christmas week, had gone away on a visit during the lay off, and therefore it became necessary for Miss Holland to fill the position of advance agent and manager for this special engagement and attend to all the preliminary arrangements in connection with same, including the movement of the organi-

zation from Webb City, to Galena and return. The last moment the railroad officials informed her that it might be impossible to furnish a baggage car for the transportation of scenery. Miss Holland immediately made arrangements with the trucking firm to take all effects to Galena and return, by wagons, and then she cancelled the railroad deal, saving a considerable sum of money by this change. The members of the company, instead of travelling by train, used the electric railway running between the two cities, Miss Holland having arranged to hold their car after the performance at Galena until the members of her company were through at the theater.

In addition to all these numerous duties, Miss Holland had accepted some dinner invitations during her stay at Webb City, which she could not cancel, as they were arranged as a compliment to her. Miss Holland would never come to La Crosse under the old management of the theater, but since Messrs. Gage & Wolter have taken charge Miss Holland accepted the first opportunity to appear here. She will play in "A Paradise of Lies" Saturday, Jan. 5.

The New York All Star Novelty company had two good houses again yesterday afternoon and evening at the La Crosse theater, and judging from the business this attraction is doing, the people of the city appreciate a first class vaudeville performance. The show is new, clean, bright and up to date and deserves to do good business and a performance that is worth twice the price of admission. The week's engagement closes Tuesday, New Year's day afternoon and evening performance.

## SUICIDE A MYSTERY

ACKLEY, Iowa, Dec. 29.—The mystery of the identity of the young woman who committed suicide by hanging herself to a railroad bridge here Christmas night is still unsolved. The only clue is the mark of a Des Moines dealer on the shoes she wore, and it is thought the girl may have come here from that city.

The state has commenced action against the Green Bay & Western railway for back taxes.

## AT THE CHURCHES

First Methodist church, Eighth and King streets, Rev. James W. Irish, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30; morning worship at 10:30; sermon topic, "The Fullness of Time." Reception of members. Sunday school at noon; Epworth league at 6:30; leader, Helen Vance. Evening worship at 7:30; sermon subject, "How Old Art Thou?"

German Methodist church, corner Seventh and Ferry streets, Rev. J. L. Panzlau, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. sermon at 10:30 a. m. After the sermon holy communion will be celebrated; lovefeast at 6:45 in the evening; preaching at 7:30 p. m.; subject: "Christ the Light of the World." Rev. L. J. Brenner, presiding elder, will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. With the evening sermon we commence a series of revival meetings. There will be services every night in the week at 7:30 with the exception of Saturday night. The German public in general is invited.

Trinity Lutheran church on Avon streets; services Sunday forenoon at 10:30. Rev. T. T. Hoverstad, pastor.

West Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, W. W. Hurd, pastor. Sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 11:45 a. m., O. A. Zuehlke, superintendent; Epworth league at 6:30 p. m., Willis Lockman, president; revival services at 7:30 p. m.; Monday evening, quarterly conference.

## HEARST TO INVADE INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—The Hearst league is preparing for a big invasion of Indiana, and within a week or ten days an active campaign for members will begin. Chas. A. Walsh, once a member of the democratic national committee will direct the affairs and furnish the necessary money as the agent of William R. Hearst, but R. M. Isherwood of Delphi will be in direct charge of the organization. Mr. Walsh is now in Indiana consulting with the old Hearst leaders.

## NEWS AND NOTES

## OF SET

Does anybody know how many players the Cincinnati Reds have proposed of this winter? Manager Hanlon will surely have a brand new team next year.

If Jim Delehanty, as well as some of the other players Manager McAleer has picked for a song the St. Louis Browns will play the game from all sides.

Jim McGuire of the New York Americans hit for .300 season, his 24th straight year. He comes pretty near the "Grand Old Man" of baseball with all the trimmings.

Manager Watkins of Indianapolis will have nearly a team of ex-majors next year.

The Minneapolis will have two mighty good ball players in Charley Hickman and Tip O'Neil.

The National League stands six clubs for and two against the president of their organization. The American league stands eight clubs for and none against a chief. Perhaps this answers the question, so often asked, "What the difference, or which is the better league?"

The most important question before the Western League magnates is the selection of more cities in order to have an ant-club circuit next season.

According to Dr. Liefeld of Pittsburgh, Manager Clark of the "Pirates" will be highest salaried ball player in the field the coming season.

Like the champion White Sox, the ball club of Columbus, Ohio, won its pennant by star won the field and not at the bat. The Senators' rank first in fielding and seventh in batting.

Champion Jim Les has at last consented to re-enter the ring, providing the right man found and a \$50,000 purse is off.

Frank Slavin, old-time heavyweight, was knocked out in the second round recently by Nick Burley

at Victoria, B. C.

Sammy McClinton, manager for Dick Hyland, says that on account of the altitude a fight can battle at five pounds less in Colorado than in California.

Now that the Lincoln club of Chelsea has closed its books as though real fighting in New England is a thing of the past.

Over 3,000 spectators saw the recent bout at Indianapolis between Ray Bronson and Micky Ford, Bronson earning the decision at the end of 15 rounds.

"Kid" Herman says that 13 is his lucky number. The agreement for his coming fight with Gans has 13 conditions and the winner's end of the purse is fixed at exactly \$13,000.

A meeting of the Intercollegiate Fencing association was held at the New York Athletic club today to arrange final plans for the coming intercollegiate meet and to adjust such schedule difficulties as developed through encroachments of the individual colleges on the dates set aside by the schedule committee of the intercollegiate league.

A flourishing basketball league has been organized in the Puget Sound region. It takes in Tacoma, Seattle, Everett, Bellingham and Victoria, B. C.

The southern colleges are going in heavy for tennis this winter and quite a few tournaments have been held.

Phoenix, Ariz. has one of the fastest tracks in the country and horsemen look forward to a great meeting there next year.

## ENJOINS BEARD PULLING WIFE FROM FURTHER PRACTICE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 29.—By order of the court Johanna Glade was enjoined from pulling out the hair or whiskers of her husband, John Glade. The injunction also restrains the woman from "jawing" her husband in the street until his suit for divorce is settled. In his petition for divorce Glade says that his wife has a particularly bad temper when she has been drinking, but that even when she has not been drinking at all she has a way of jumping on him, pulling out his hair and whiskers,

## ATTENTION

Will all our Citizens Unite in starting one "Rescue Home for Fallen Girls" and atone for our Neglect in Removing these Temptations to Vice and Lewdness. The Morals along side the Business Interests for the Honor of our City.

and otherwise annoying him that he does not like.

## SCANDAL IN FREEDOM

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 29.—Thomas Edward Clarke, alias "Red" Austin, whose history has been the most remarkable in the criminal annals of St. Joseph county and who was recently released on \$7,500 bail after it had been reduced from \$10,000, is a free man, State's Attorney Kurtz having nolle prossed the five indictments against him. The sudden and entirely unexpected ending of the case caused a sensation, which locally is the biggest of the year, and although no direct charges were made a scandal is hinted. Clarke was arrested in 1904 on a charge of swindling Henry Crofoot, a farmer, out of \$5,000 in a bunco-steering game, and was sentenced to prison for an indeterminate term. The supreme court reversed the decision and he was awaiting a new trial.

The will of the late Johnson A. Jackson, secretary-treasurer of the Kenosha Crib company, divides an estate of some \$100,000 among his wife and four children, share and share alike.

THE TWO MUSICAL EVENTS OF THE SEASON

HANDEL'S MESSIAH AND GOUNOD'S FAUST

RECITALS TO BE GIVEN BY

## LA CROSSE CHORAL CLUB

## THE MESSIAH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1907, 8 P. M. NEW LA CROSSE THEATRE.

125 WELL  
TRAINED  
VOICES

## GRAND CHORUS

125 WELL  
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VOICES

Finest Mounting Of Solo Artists Ever Seen in La Crosse.

Adah Markland Sheffield,

Soprano, Chicago.

Marie White Longman,

Contralto, Chicago.

Magnificent String Orchestra and  
Piano Will Accompany  
The Chorus.

Edward C. Towne,

Tenor, New York.

Alfred Wiley,

Basso, Minneapolis.

PRICE OF TICKETS \$1.50 AND \$1.00

Sale of tickets and reservation of seats will begin at Theater Box Office on Monday Morning, Dec. 31, at Nine O'Clock. Tickets can also be procured at the State Bank and at the office of Dr. A. T. Rassmussen, Linker Bldg.—Patrons are requested to be in their seats promptly at Eight O'Clock as the doors will be closed during the first number of the recital.



# Bargains in Remnants

# L. COREN

# AGENCY STANDARD PATTERNS

# ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

# CLOAKS—FURS—UNDERWEAR

In accordance with our annual custom we hold this clearance sale with but one object in view "viz" not to carry any winter goods over till next season, no matter what the loss, this means an opportunity to buy Winter Coats at about Half Price. : : :

**\$30.00 COATS** made of fine Broadcloth in Black, Wine and Tan, beautifully braid trimmed, collarless velvet collar, long loose back model, priced for this Sale. **\$15.00**

**\$25.00 COATS AT \$15.00**  
Made of fine Kersey, braid trimmed, in black, brown and red, loose back models, reduced to **\$15.00**

**\$15.00 COATS AT \$15.00**  
Made of fine Kersey, braid trimmed, in black, brown and red, loose back models, reduced to **\$15.00**

**\$12.50 GIRLS' COATS REDUCED TO \$9.00**  
Made of crushed plush in brown, lined throughout, braid trimmed, \$12.50 Coats now **\$9.00**

**\$8.50 GIRLS' COATS NOW \$6.75**  
Made of grey Chinchilla, lined throughout, has large collar, button trimmed, now **\$6.75**

**\$6.50 GIRLS' COATS NOW \$4.48**  
Made of heavy Cheviot, Navy Blue, button trimmed, \$6.50 Coats now **\$4.48**

**SPECIAL GIRLS' COATS THAT WERE \$7.50 TO \$10.00, NOW \$3.90.**

**GIRLS' COATS THAT WERE \$10.00 AND \$12.50 NOW \$4.98**

**ASTRAKHAN COATS** made of XXX black Astrakhan, lined throughout, high storm collar, ample sizes were \$35.00, reduced to **\$25.00**

**Fur Neckwear Reduced**  
\$3.00 Coney Scarfs, now **\$1.98**  
\$3.00 Isabella Fox Scarfs, now **\$7.50**  
\$15.00 Sable and Isabella American Opposum Scarfs, now **\$9.00**

**WINTER UNDERWEAR AT CLEARANCE SALE PRICES**

25c Women's Fleece Vests and Pants, now **22c**  
50c Women's Fleece Vests and Pants, extra fleecy, now **45c**  
50c Union Suits, ribbed and fleeced, perfect fitting, now **45c**  
75c Union Suits, ribbed and fleeced, extra quality, now **68c**  
\$1.00 Union Suits, ribbed, perfect fitting, now **89c**  
Men's heavy fleeced Shirts and Drawers, now **45c**

**SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON ALL UNDERWEAR**

**WARFARE ON BAILEY**  
(Tribune Special Service.)  
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 29.—With the near approach of the assembling of the Texas legislature the contest for and against the re-election of Senator Bailey has reached the red-hot stage. Though Senator Bailey declares that his re-election is assured it is not difficult for the unbiased on-looker to see that the opposition is of the most formidable character and that if it continues to gather strength it will be a toss up whether the Senator may not go down to defeat as a result of the exposure of his relations with the Standard Oil financiers. In several parts of the state mass meetings and popular votes are to be taken today to determine

whether the people desire their representatives in the legislature to vote for Bailey for re-election. The result of these meetings is awaited with considerable interest as the popular opinion thus expressed will probably have considerable effect on the contest.

**INSPECT THE DISTILLERIES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe went to Baltimore today to inspect the distilleries.

**SCOTLAND IS SNOWBOUND**  
EDINBURGH, Dec. 29.—Scotland is snowbound. Traffic is suspended and the coast is dangerous.  
If you can't boost, don't.

**BRITISH AMBASSADOR DEPART**  
(Tribune Special Service.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Retiring British ambassador, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, sailed for home today with Lady Durand at Miss Durand. On going aboard so they found their staterooms filled with flowers sent by friends in Washington, New York and elsewhere.

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## Society

By ALICE W. WHEELER.

This has been a week of unparalleled gaiety from start to finish, with its holiday festivities. There were dances galore, luncheons, suppers, family gatherings, ceremonious dinners, church entertainments, Christmas trees and all sorts of amusements that one could possibly suggest to entertain both old and young.

### THE CHARITY BALL

To say that the charity ball given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the La Crosse hospital eclipsed all former efforts in that direction means a good deal for there have been some very handsome and elaborate ones in the past. But such is the fact nevertheless. The various committees have worked early and late to accomplish their object and well have they been rewarded. Germania never presented as pretty and charming a scene as it did last evening. The decorations were green and white harmonizing well with the beautiful and elegant toilets of the guests. Great branches of cedar and other greens formed the background for the stage setting where Dana's orchestra of twenty-two pieces was stationed. Suspended from above were huge baskets filled with peonies and green foliage. Baskets of green and white were placed in various places on the stage. Around the edge of the balcony was a frieze of holly branches with clusters of red berries which gave a dash of color which was quite effective. Hanging from ropes of evergreen at intervals all along the balcony were other baskets filled with white peonies. Festoons of evergreens reached from the ceiling to the balcony from the center of which hung a basket of white and green.

The reception committee consisting of Mrs. G. C. Hixon, Mrs. Elsie Gile Scott, Mrs. Louis Withee, Mrs. L. F. Easton and Miss Ingwersen were stationed at the entrance of the main hall and received the guests.

The toilets of these ladies were exceptionally rich and elaborate. Mrs. G. C. Hixon wore a handsome Japanese embroidered violet colored crepe Mrs. Elsie Gile Scott white lace of Irish chochet trimmed with insets of Valenciennes lace and a diamond necklace. Mrs. Withee wore black velvet with point lace. Mrs. Easton's gown was of Irish point. Miss Ingwersen wore white Brussels net with bands of satin around the skirt. There were many other costumes which attracted notice and admiration and are deserving of especial mention. The evening entertainment opened with a concert of four numbers by the orchestra after which all formed on the floor for the dance which was kept up till the early morning hours.

This party is always considered the one great event of the season. New gowns are always reserved for this occasion and many guests from out of the city are in attendance.

### CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Mrs. Alfred James' guests upon Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. John James, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Egbert, Frances and Paul Egbert, James James of Tellerud, Col., and Russell James of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Van Steenwyk entertained Mrs. Sill, Miss Frances and Miss Margery Sill, Mr. and Mrs. Cassels of Chicago and Mr. Robert Whelpley.

Mrs. Mary Eaton, Mrs. Shadbolt and Mrs. W. W. Jones were guests of Mrs. R. B. Webb at the Welton boarding house on Christmas day.

Mrs. F. P. Hixon's guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hixon of Chicago, Mr. Robert Hixon of Toledo, O., and Mrs. G. C. Hixon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bennett had a family dinner of ten covers, Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett and children of Flaudreau, S. D.; Mrs. Eva Stryker and daughter, and Messrs. Wells and Leroy Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hyslop entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison, Miss Miriam Harrison, Mrs. Laura Harrington, and Mrs. Applebee of Boone, Ia., at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elmore and Miss Lillian Elmore dined at the home of Mr. Levi Withee.

Mrs. Levi Withee entertained at a family dinner Wednesday. The guests were—Messrs. and Mesdames N. H. Withee, W. W. Withee, Theodore Withee, Levi Withee and Mrs. Wallace.

At the home of H. S. Burroughs were—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burroughs and son Sidney Burroughs of Milwaukee, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of St. Louis, Mrs. Frank Pooler and Miss Vance Pooler of Onalaska and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. George

Hixon of Chicago, Mr. Robert Hixon of Toledo and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanchette were guests of Mrs. G. C. Hixon and Miss Crosby Wednesday at dinner.

Mrs. L. F. Easton entertained at a dinner for her daughters, Miss Florence and Miss Sarah Easton Thursday evening.

### SUPPERS AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Charles Elmore and daughter, Miss Lillian Elmore invited in a few friends to supper. Before the guests departed the hostess presented to each guest an envelop containing a card bearing the following: "Mrs. Charles Elmore and daughter at home after Jan. 15, 323 South Spring avenue, Sioux Falls, S. D." It was looked upon at first as a joke till at length it dawned upon the minds of several present that it was a bona fide thing and they were really to fold their tents and take their departure to the land of divorce, where Mr. Elmore has accepted a lucrative position. There was loud lamentations and protestations but the fiat had gone forth from the head of the family and go it is. The Elmore are prominent in church and club work and are always ready to join in any social affair at a moment's notice, and it will be long before their place will be filled.

Those present upon this occasion were Mesdames Frank Dav's, E. A. Gatterdam, Levi Withee, Alex Hyslop, F. J. Toland and Alice Wheeler.

### ASSEMBLY DANCE AT THE NEW ELKS HALL

The new hall of the B. P. O. Elks was opened for the first time Thursday evening when the assembly gave one of the most attractive parties of the holidays. The room was handsomely fitted up with luxurious couches, easy chairs, handsome rugs and all the paraphernalia which adds so much to a well appointed room. The floral decorations were especially pretty, consisting of poinsettia, Japanese narcissus and Christmas greens. There were about a hundred and fifty present, including a number of visitors from out of the city. There was a great display of handsome and elegant toilettes which showed to great advantage. Kreutz furnished the music which was pronounced some of the best.

### CARD PARTY

The Misses Agnes and Hatty Anderson entertained a number of their young friends Thursday evening at five hundred. Miss Margery Savage took the prize. The guests were the Misses Margery Savage, Grace Webster, Gertrude Tausche, Katherine Martindale, Hazel Josten, Agnes Vincent, Helen McArthur, Beatrice Leissring, Ethel Burham, Miriam Harrison, Alice Borreson, Katherine Hayes, Anne Ray, Julia Walters, Agnes and Nora Nelson, Cora Schultz, Margaret Dana, Helen Jacobson, Margaret Crosby and Mary Anderson.

### BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Philip Pilger entertained a number of her friends last evening at her home, at 1823 Wood street, in honor of the anniversary of her birth. Mrs. Pilger received a number of useful and beautiful presents. A dainty supper was served and all reported a very pleasant evening.

Those present were Mesdames B. Bolstad, A. Nelson, E. Engebretsen, J. Black, O. Brown, J. Picha, P. A. Gorder, J. Dugan, H. Heinke, H. Rick, W. Riorden, L. Lockie, G. W. Baldwin, L. Jojade, J. Cance, Ferdinand Botz, P. Gorder Jr., E. Brown of Winona, W. W. Pfeiffer and Misses Mabel and Laura Pilger.

### SUPPERS AND LUNCHEON

Mrs. J. M. Hixon entertained at a handsome luncheon Thursday. The guests were Mrs. George Hixon and Mrs. Carolyn Hixon of Minneapolis, Mrs. Cady of Chicago, Mrs. Barnes of Rockford, Mrs. Alexander Paul and Mrs. John Paul of Watertown, Fla., Mrs. L. F. Easton, Miss Anne Paul and the Misses Gertrude and Lucy Hogan.

The Misses Anne and Katherine Paul entertained at a supper Thursday evening. About sixty guests were present.

### DANCING PARTIES

Wednesday evening the Norden society gave a dancing party at Germania. There was a large number present and it was an unusually pleasant affair.

Friday evening the Order of Eastern Star gave one of their delightful dancing parties at the Masonic temple. There were about fifty couple present.

### CHRISTMAS EVE PARTIES

There was pleasant gathering Christmas eve at the home of Judge and Mrs. John Brindley. The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames George

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### PERSONALS

Mrs. Cady of Chicago and Mrs. Barnes of Rockford were guests of Mrs. J. M. Hixon during the week. Mr. Abner Withee who has been spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Withee, left Friday evening for Watertown, Fla., where he is engaged in business. Mrs. Munson Burton of Mankato, Minn., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. A. McDonald.

Miss Sallwood of St. Paul is the guest of Miss Olga Candrian. Mrs. A. D. Applebee of Boone, Ia., is visiting friends in the city. Mr. and Mrs. George Hixon of Chicago left Friday morning after the charity ball for their home in Chicago.

Miss Margery Sill has gone to Lake Wood, N. J., to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles Palmer.

It is with regret that we learn of the decision of Charles Elmore to move his family to Sioux Falls, S. D., where he is located in business.

Earl Pooler of Seattle, is spending the holidays with his friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Withee and Mrs. Louise Withee went to Red Wing, Minn., to attend the wedding of Miss Sophie Hambersson which takes place today.

Mme. Conklin and son, Fred, spent Christmas in Minneapolis.

Mrs. A. M. Heyerdahl is visiting friends in Milwaukee.

Miss Jennie Brindley of Minneapolis has been spending the holidays at the home of her brother, Judge Brindley.

The La Crosse Women's club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 3 with Mrs. A. R. Kempter of Berlin street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Whyte and Kenneth are spending the week in Watertown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hixon and family and Robert Hixon will leave here Wednesday next for Pasadena, Cal., where they have taken a house for the winter. They will be joined in Chicago by Mr. and Mrs. George Hixon and Miss Kelleher who will accompany them.

Miss Katherine Foerster was quietly married Thursday afternoon at the home of her mother, 1010 South Eighth street, to Charles Turner of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Turner left that evening for Chicago where they will reside.



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## THEIR MELTING HEARTS

The La Crosse ice trust has decided to reduce prices some 33 1-3 per cent. Last year's schedule, delivered in ice boxes, was \$3 per ton. This year, as per contracts already accepted—or rather solicited—the price is \$2 per ton.

This is a most encouraging circumstance. The cause of it is plain. The men who compose the ice trust, after reading the arguments of The Tribune supporting the contention that in violation of law they were leagued to maintain extortionate prices, have repented of this wrong and have determined to do the right thing. We congratulate them upon the fine sense of honor that prompted this magnanimous step.

Strange to relate, there are people in this city so devoid of capacity for appreciation of monopolistic humanity as to question the genuineness of this generous action on the part of the ice trust. They say there must be "Something behind it." Some of them suggest that it is fear of prosecution that actuated the magnates in their sudden change of front. Others believe that a circumstance not yet known to the public must have been responsible. Anyway, they refuse to believe that there is in the veins of the ice trust that last year demanded not less than 300 per cent profit, any of the milk of human kindness so apparently responsible for the liberality that is being shown.

We regret the pessimism of these people. We hope they may eventually become converted to the view that philanthropy comes as natural to ice kings as fleas to dogs. Don't be slaves of suspicion, gentlemen. Down on your knees this moment and thank the ice trust for your license to keep cool.

"Teasing! Teasing! I was only teasing you." Just what it is one cannot say, as yet. But it is a one hundred to one shot that there IS "Something behind it." And it is pretty sure to crop out before ice again becomes a fashionable luxury.

Perhaps no event of the holiday season has brought pure joy to the hearts of so many little tots as did Mr. Doerflinger's entertainment of the children from St. Ann's and St. Michael's orphanages.

Imagine two hundred children, orphans who, be they ever so kindly treated in their eleemosynary institutions, cannot know the delights of the home where father and mother and Santa Claus join hands to make life blessed—imagine this throng of babes turned loose in a great toy department to frolic at will in the Heaven of playland!

It was the treat of their lives, and scores of fatherless boys and girls will for years look back upon that day as a joyous landmark in the history of their pathetic childhoods.

Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones wants to put a limit upon individual wealth. Having possessed himself of the Western Hemisphere, John D. will agree to a limit provided it is sufficiently high not to interfere with his acquisition of the Eastern Hemisphere.

The new weather observer arrives in time to find that his predecessor has left the calendar badly mixed. If he wants to give a good account of himself we suggest that he readjust the seasons to the almanac.

A Mississippi district attorney proposes to prosecute white men who have murdered peaceful negroes. Jury trial of these cases will be tantamount to acquittal.

What Superintendent Cary says of the state university is none the less true because it will be resented.

Again, it is understood, "That rag down the street," is being put out of commission by proclamation.

## LEARNS MONKEY TALK BIG BORE CAUSES TROUBLE

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—According to a letter which has been received in this city by the mother of Miss Iva Veronica Simonton, the Pittsburgh girl who went to Africa to study the language of the monkeys, that young woman is now comfortably established in her bamboo hut in the Congo jungle.

Miss Simonton left this country on Aug. 1 and arrived at Fernan Vaz, Africa, Oct. 1. From that village she went in a canoe up the Congo, accompanied by a missionary from the Sleeping Sickness mission and a number of natives. The natives erected in the jungle a hut for Miss Simonton, in which she is now busy studying the chattering of the monkeys. Two hundred yards away from this bamboo hut is a more substantial one, in which she sleeps at night and in which two natives and the missionary are stationed constantly to go to the aid of Miss Simonton in case she should be attacked by the wild animals. This hut is out of sight of the bamboo hut, but close enough so that a revolver shot could be heard in case of attack.

In her letter Miss Simonton says she is progressing rapidly with her work. She is equipped with a phonograph, upon which to record the cries of the monkeys. She believes she is already able to distinguish words.

The senate passed over 200 pension bills Wednesday, clearing its private pension calendar.

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 29.—An odd situation arises in connection with the driving of the tunnel for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad to connect the states of Idaho and Montana. An eight hour law has been passed in Montana, but none exists in Idaho. In consequence the men working on the Montana side are required to work only eight hour shifts, while those on the Idaho side work ten hours. In addition, the men on the Montana side are paid \$3.50 a day, while those on the Idaho side receive only \$3 for ten hour's work.

The question arises as to what the result will be if the Idaho men first penetrate into Montana, or if the Montana men penetrate first into Idaho, or will both sides be required to quit as soon as the exact boundary line has been reached? It is expected that some peculiar questions will arise in connection with the work.

About 150 men are at work on the Montana side and also a number of surveying crews. An open cut of about thirty feet in extent has been started, and this is to be dug out by means of a steam shovel, which will be installed later.

A distinguished party of Americans and Britons gathered at the Savoy hotel in London Wednesday to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the sailing of the first British colony for Jamestown.

## LA CROSSE THEATRE

Reserved Seats for New Year's Night Now on Sale  
Gallery 10c. Balcony 15c & 25c.  
Lower Floor 25c.

## FASHION PARAGRAPHS

(Tribune Special Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—There is a noticeable absence of trimming on all evening skirts this year. Some of the most expensive and handsomest costumes. While the bodices are gorgeously trimmed, have skirts whose whole effect is due to the beauty and quantity of the material and the perfect hang and cut, which is so all important with either an empire or a princess frock.

Vail pins have now been added to the long list of expensive trifles that go to complete the modish feminine toilet. Usually they are narrow bands of gold, set with small stones harmonizing with the veil and hat. Pearl settings are, however, much admired, and wrought gold pins without gems are also popular.

There are seasons when certain colors seem to prevail in millinery. Not long we had a red season. But the color of all other colors seem to be green. Brown is also a prime favorite and there are brown hats enough to supply each woman in the world with brown headgear. And very pretty the majority of these hats are. Brown hats are trimmed with wreaths of brownish pink roses, slightly faded, something like the ashes of roses of which one reads; and there are wreaths of brown roses of a golden brown hue. These trim a felt hat very prettily.

Fancy ribbon embroidery stockings are smart now and are being worn by many well groomed women because the designs make the instep look high and the ankle small, a desirable quality in evening hose worn with elaborately decorated and satin slippers. The embroidery pattern of ribbon are all of floral designs and are put on in most conservative styles, for the designs are either in bunches of blossoms or in running vines that extend from the instep up almost to the knee.

With the departure of the corselet skirt the centre is receiving renewed attention, and is, as of yore, capable of making or marring a costume. Any one can arrange a centre in a fashion, but only the first class modiste recognizes the full value of bestowing the most careful attention on what in appearance is merely a folded or fitted belt. The one in vogue at the present is only shaped at the upper edge. A very common mistake is found in the delusion that a centre can be relied upon to pull a doubtful fit into law and order at the waist, whereas all that can justifiably be expected of this adjunct is that it accentuates a fit already consummated. And then, Oh, when will the lady of embonpoint recognize that a buckle worn at the back is the sole prerogative of the elegantly slim figure.

Satin and silk evening gowns are far more fashionable this winter than the dresses of net, chiffon and lace, although the latter always remain in vogue. Satin, however, keeps always in such good trim, and is in itself so fashionable that it is never safe to be without at least one handsome satin evening gown. Many of the satin ball dresses this season are gorgeously embroidered, but there is also a great number that are comparatively simple in detail as well as in effect. The empire and directoire models call for little if any trimming on the skirt, and many of the waists are relieved only by some handsome embroidery and just a little lace.

For evening, as well as for afternoon, the empire gowns are the most attractive. In back the full empire effect is given by the narrow gathered pleats or folds that are started so far up on the waist and fall into, or more strictly speaking, from the long soft train. But in front the long waist line is clearly defined.

The models for suits for spring show many changes in the modes of trimming, in the cut of the skirt and in the general trim of the waist. The Paris models call for close hanging skirts and for a generally tight-fitting sleeve than was used last year. The short jacket effect in suits are to predominate for the spring season, so all leading manufacturers believe.

The use of the three-piece costumes in fancy silks and in voiles and plain and striped dress goods where the bolero jacket is used, is carried out in the fullest extent in the new lines.

That silks are to enjoy a better business than they did last year for the spring season is evidenced by the large number of styles which are to be put before the trade. Large orders are being placed for black, blue, brown, bronze, green and tan taffeta dresses. In plain, fancy stripes, checks and dot designs the spring assortments are complete. The silk models show some very effective modifications in trimmings. Novelty skirts for us for short waists in silks, woollens and worsteds are being shown to the trade.

A stunning princess-empire gown for a formal dinner may be made of black material and effectively trimmed with appliques so it will be appropriate for wear during the rest of the season. If fashioned from lustrous broadcloth that is so popular now, it will be strikingly pretty if decorated with black net, worked into a rose pattern carried out in narrow miliner's folds of black satin. Bands of appliques set between stitched stripes of cloth running from the empire waist line to the knees in front and graduated upwards toward the back gives it a desirable finish. The bodice employs the same strap idea as the skirt, with the appliques and puffs of plain net set off by four large cabochons of cut jet in generous size. The neck is cut out in oval shape to the bust line and filled in with a chemisette of shirred white net and Irish crochet lace, these same materials being used to form the rather long cuff of the tiny puff sleeve.

## EMBALMING

(Continued from Page One.)

floor below.

A large pile of rubbish broke their fall. In the smoke they were unable to see that the stairs had burned away.

Capt. McGlathlin bruised his hand, cutting it on a piece of glass. Fischer received no injuries. Each remained at the fire, pluckily continuing until the end. McGlathlin complained of a severe shaking up afterward, his entire body aching. Fischer felt no bad effects of the fall.

## WALTER BEE TO SELL PARTRIDGE

Walter "Bee" Sprowl, who has heretofore traveled for the manufacturers of a plug tobacco, will, on Jan. 1, become connected with the William Tisch Partridge Cigar company, as traveling salesman. Mr. Sprowl will make the territory contiguous to La Crosse, in which he has heretofore traveled, and in which he is one of the best known and most popular of salesmen.

## GLADSTONE'S MEMORY

(Tribune Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—It is a surprising fact that, though less than a decade has elapsed since he passed from the stage of English public life, the birthday anniversary of William E. Gladstone is allowed to come and go almost unnoticed. But for a few lonely wreaths deposited about the base of the Gladstone monument in front of St. Clement Dane's church, there was nothing to recall the fact that today was the anniversary of the birth of him who but a few years ago was honored as England's "Grand Old Man." The observance or lack of observance of Gladstone's memory is in lamentable contrast to the celebrations in honor of some whose services to their country were neither so substantial nor so enduring. The only explanation is to be found in the fact that Gladstone's personality was not of that picturesque character to appeal to the imagination of the people, and which has led to the popular celebration of Primrose Day in memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield.

At least sixteen persons lost their lives in the explosion and wreck of the Mississippi river steamboat, W. T. Scovill, which occurred near Vicksburg. Most of the dead were blacks.

## To La Crosse Business Men

and to all who require the services of job printing establishments, the undersigned representatives of union labor in La Crosse respectfully suggest the following New Years resolution:

"Whereas, union labor in La Crosse contributes its earnings to the support of La Crosse mercantile and industrial interests through trading therewith, and

Whereas, the best interests of both La Crosse business establishments and La Crosse labor depend upon the encouragement of intelligent labor, and

Whereas, past experience indicates that intelligent and productive labor is best stimulated and encouraged through Unionism, therefore be it

Resolved, that we the merchants, manufacturers and Jobbers of La Crosse upon the first day of January, 1907, as a New Years resolution, adopt as a permanent business policy the plan of insisting that the Union Label shall be affixed to all printing done for us or for others through our influence."

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## NOTAE BIRTHDAYS

Sim Guggenheim

Simon Guggenheim, who is slated for the United States senate from Colorado to succeed Thomas M. Patterson, was born in Philadelphia December 29, 17. He is one of seven brothers known as M. Guggenheim's sons. They dominate the smelting business of America and practically control the output and a considerable portion of the copper production. They own the Guggenheim Exploration company, which has developed immense mining properties in Mexico at the far west and which has a vast territory now under way for making a general wealth of Alaska accessible. Simon Guggenheim has been western representative of the family for nearly a dozen years. He was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and was sent abroad by his father to pick up a knowledge of foreign languages and the business methods of different European countries. He has a thorough knowledge of the smelting business and is regarded as one of the ablest mining experts in the country.

## RESELL ADDICKS HOME

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 29.—Persons in a position to know are strongly of the opinion that J. Edward Addicks, gasman and senatorial aspirant of Delaware, has qualified for membership in the "down and out club." Whether this is true or not it appears certain that he is to lose Belvoir, his magnificent Newport home, in the manner that his country estate in Delaware recently passed from his hands.

Belvoir is advertised to be sold at public auction next Monday and announcement is made that the sale will surely be on the square. A few weeks ago, at a mortgage sale, the palatial estate, once sold before but not for "keeps," was sold to the Bear Haven Realty company of Philadelphia, and it was then supposed that Addicks had bought the property in. But a savings bank now announces foreclosure sale and will bid in the property in order to redeem many advanced.

## BOYS' MEETING

A meeting for boys will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All boys are invited to attend. A short talk from some of the delegates from the Waukesha conference and music will be the program. Meeting for men at 4 p. m. will be addressed by W. W. Hurd.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

December 29.

1778.—Savannah taken by the British.

1808.—Andrew Jackson, seventeenth president of the United States, born. Died July 31, 1875.

1809.—William E. Gladstone, English statesman born. Died May 19, 1898.

1812.—Commodore Bainbridge, commanding officer of the frigate Constitution, captured British frigate Java, off San Salvador.

1843.—"Carmen Sylva," queen of Roumania, born.

1845.—Texas admitted to the Union.

1846.—Gen. Taylor took possession of Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas.

1860.—John B. Floyd of Virginia resigned as secretary of war.

1862.—The Confederates attacked Gen. Sherman and drove him back to the first line of defense before Vicksburg.

1868.—Mosby Clarke, a Revolutionary soldier, died at Richmond, Va. at the advanced age of 121 years.

1876.—Train wreck at Ashtabula, Ohio. Eighty killed and sixty injured.

1894.—Forty persons perished by fire at a Christmas festival at Silver Lake, Oregon.



## HEADACHES

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## DECIDE ON ELECTRIC LINE MONDAY

Promoters of the proposed electric line from Gilmanton to Eau Claire to La Crosse have called a meeting for next Monday at Eau Claire when the entire proposition will be discussed. La Crosse is asked to send a representative.

In the Waumandee valley \$50,000 has been pledged to assist the road. C. J. Sund, the promoter, is optimistic and believes the project will be a go.

## LA CROSSE WINS AT BASKET BALL

La Crosse defeated Baraboo at basketball at the Y. M. C. A. last night, the local team winning by a score of 57 to 15. The locals were entirely too fast for the visitors, excelling them from the start. Following is the lineup of the teams:

La Crosse—Stavrum, f; Johnson, f; Peterson, c; Gilbertson, b; Bradish, capt., b.

Baraboo—Lane, capt., f; Cooper, f; Williams-Warcham, c; Whitcomb, b; Pollowick, b.

Referee—A. B. Dawson, La Crosse. Umpire—S. Hall, Baraboo. Timer—H. Klein.

Goals from field—Stavrum, 15; Peterson, 7; Bradish, 6; Johnson, 5; Lane, 3; Cooper, 2; Gilbertson, Whitcomb, 1.

Goals from fouls—Johnson, Cooper, Whitcomb, Warcham.

Two banks, the Union National and the Union Savings, opened for business at Eau Claire, Monday, and another, the Eau Claire Savings, was placed in operation four weeks ago.

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## NOVEMBER RECORD FOR Y.M.C.A.'S

The sum amounted to upwards of \$10,000 in the United States and Canada. The association buildings are being planned all over the continent. Business men and railroad companies are giving to this work as never before. Most of the buildings are being worked on the thirty-day plan which has been found to be the most successful at the present time. Two of the most notable buildings will be the Baltimore building which will cost upwards of \$300,000, and the new San Francisco building which will cost half a million dollars.

Regina, a town of 9,000 population in the western part of Canada raised in less than a month, \$57,200 for a new building. The citizens' committee expect to get \$20,000 more making a total of \$77,200. The subscriptions received in three weeks' campaign amounted to \$100,000 each for every man, woman, and child in the community.

Wausau, Wis., has started building operations. The building contract was let for \$60,000. Besides this the association has half a square of land in the business part of the city on which to build.

The \$300,000 addition to the Racine, Wis., building has been completed and the rooms are now open for use. Fond du Lac, Wis., expect to have their \$50,000 building completed by the early part next fall.

Winona, Minn., \$50,000 building will be dedicated New Year's day.

## LEGISLATION TO EFFECT CITY

City Attorney Mahoney has returned from Milwaukee where he attended a meeting of the legislative committee of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. The committee decided to put itself on record in favor of the following measures, which are of direct importance to the city:

To shorten the letting contracts for brick pavement from 100 days to 36 days.

Abolish or consolidate city offices by common council.

Allow firemen and patrolmen to ride on street cars free of charge.

Reducing the fee for filing petitions from thirty days to fifteen.

To establish statutory form for form for municipal bonds and increase purpose for which bonds may be issued.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSENGER NABBED FOR SPEEDING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt's departure for Pine Knot, Va., as delayed by a policeman who attempted to arrest "Jack," a White House bicycle messenger, for speeding. When President and Mrs. Roosevelt, with all the children, reached the railroad station, it was discovered that the president's shotgun was not in the luggage. Jack, a short, black, chunky young fellow, a messenger of the White House, who has the reputation of being a fast bicycle rider, was instructed to mount a wheel and ride to the White House for the gun.

He obeyed orders. As he came, full speed down the historic thoroughfare, one of Washington's finest bicycle policemen attempted to place Jackson under arrest. Jackson, bent on getting the gun to the president, put on extra steam and atrode the policeman.

It was not until he reached the station and was compelled to leave his wheel that the officer overtook him. He was entering the president's private car when the cop reached him. Dodging inside the doorway he delivered his precious burden and the officer of the law took up his position on the outside, ready to bag his game as soon as the messenger emerged.

President Roosevelt called the policeman to where he was standing on the rear platform of the train and stated that the affair would receive attention when he returned to Washington. The president complimented the officer upon his vigilance.

## NELSON-GANS FIGHT

The Unique theater is showing this week the original Nelson-Gans fight in motion pictures. This is one of the best moving picture attractions ever brought to the city and is attracting large audiences.

The daughter, aged 4, of Henry Eschenbach of North Freedom, near Baraboo, was burned to death. Her clothing caught fire while she was playing near a stove.

## CITY NEWS

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JUDGE QUALITY.

The annual Christmas exercises at Christ Episcopal church, Ninth and Main streets, were held Thursday. Members of the Sunday school classes were entertained.

Hack calls made night and day. Phone 179, Gateway City Transfer Line.

Donald H. Comeau, Onalaska, and Miss Cora Bentzen, Onalaska, will be married Jan. 8. Invitations already are out.

From out of the ashes of the past, she looms a wondrous sun, and all the splendors of her worth are only just begun; Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mulder have returned from Brice's Prairie where they spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. Westerhouse.

Carl Kieselbach left today at noon for St. Louis, where he will spend most of the winter with his brother, John.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women. Oscar Nelson is home for a visit with his parents.

Mis Lydia Kremers is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Henry A. Salzer.

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C. H. Schweizer and family have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Klob, Oconomowoc, Wis.

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Miss Hally Jollivette has returned to Madison to resume her studies at the state university.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women. Miss Ruth Allen, an instructor in the state university, spent Christmas with the family of P. L. Jollivette on French Island. Miss Allen lives at Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

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Amos J. Oakes is home from Madison spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Wiring The Heavy Light Man.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Whyte have returned to Milwaukee after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Abram James. Miss Mae James accompanied them home, where she will spend her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Rockford, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hixon. Pianos for sale, tuned and rented. A. Ruhoff, S. Seventh St. Both phones.

E. H. Walsh of Harmony, Minn., Chris Ericson of Noble, Minn., Otto Julestad of Rushford, Minn., Ole Runnstrand of the Iver Peterson company of Ettrick, Wis., and Sam Anderson of Wells, Minn., were in the city doing the holidays, purchasing their boys and children's goods of Oscar S. Anderson of the David M. Pfaltzer company of Chicago.

Bring your ladies to Blume's for hot drinks, ice cream and confections, four floors south of Bijou.

Mrs. Robert Solberg of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Alice Solberg.

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Mrs. D. J. Williams, 113 North Sixth street, has gone to Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend the winter with friends.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

Misses Mayme and Bergundis Foster have returned to their home on Ferry street after a visiting tour through Minnesota and Iowa. Miss Mayme met with different orchestras which offered her positions with them, but she will not accept any at the present time.

TO PENSION FIREMEN

Members of the Wisconsin Paid Firemen's association will introduce a bill in the state legislature this winter to pension firemen in all cities of the second class, including La Crosse, third and fourth classes. The firemen have been considering applying for a pension for some time.

B. E. EDWARDS RETURNS

B. E. Edwards, president of the La Crosse City railway, has returned from Madison where he appeared before the state tax commission with other traction men to arrive at the best way to determine the value of street railways. The tax commission will note its findings later.

The Marshall Ventilating Mattress company of Chicago will transfer its entire factory from Chicago to Kenosha. This includes not only the machinery, but all the employees.

## Bijou Theatre

## Not Damaged

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## RACES TEN MILES ON JOKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Bumping violently over the frozen roads that lie between Fordham hospital and City island—a good ten miles—Dr. Bickelhaupt of the hospital staff, in an ambulance, rushed to the aid of Fred Banca, reported to be lying seriously injured at the City island police station. The run over consumed something over an hour.

When the ambulance finally rumbled across the drawbridge and up to the police station door Dr. Bickelhaupt rushed in to look at the patient.

He found Banca in the back room playing cards, with a slight abrasion on one side of his head, which the police had patched up. The doctor walked out into the cold again muttering things.

Banca, who lives at Van Nest, is employed on Hart's island, and he missed the ferryboat which takes him over from City island. He hired a rowboat, and had just pushed off from the City island shore when he fell overboard, getting a thorough ducking and a slight cut on his head.

The police, fearing that he might be badly hurt, called the ambulance.

## MAPLE TREE HELD RUM

ST. ALBINS, Dec. 29.—When a high wind blew down an old and dead maple tree on the highway between here and Georgia village the mystery of where Gus Pemberton, a moonshiner, used to keep part of his supply of whisky was disclosed. It was in a long wooden receptacle inside the tree.

Gus always had a small supply of liquor on hand no matter how closely the authorities watched him, and the most astute couldn't discover where he kept the stuff. He would leave Georgia without a drop and arrive here an hour later with a jugful that was as close as they could get to it. Gus simply grinned and kept the secret until the day he died.

It now appears that his cache was inside the dead maple. Where the tree first branched was a round hole nearly a foot in diameter. Into this Gus inserted a long cask, at the bottom of which was a tap. The tap was placed through a hole and plugged with a cork, which was covered with a chip of bark. He could therefore fill his jug as he drove by when no one was looking. The cask contained two gallons of spirits when the tree was blown over.

The state historical society has just received some valuable manuscripts and Indian historical data from the estate of the late Henry S. Baird of Green Bay.

## PRESIDENT IN DILEMMA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Some embarrassment is occasioned in administration circles, it is asserted, by the insistence of Senator Warren of Wyoming upon the reappointment of District Attorney Burke. That official is decidedly persona non grata at the department of the interior, and Secretary Hitchcock is fighting his reappointment. Senator Warren's name has been brought into the interstate commerce commission investigation of coal land holdings by railroads in Wyoming and adjoining states, and officials of the interior department are wondering whether the Wyoming senator will be permitted to name Burke's successor. Considerable gossip has resulted owing to the fact that Senator Warren has very close friendly relations with the president, and also is chairman of the senate military committee, which has jurisdiction over the questions raised by the summary discharge of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry.

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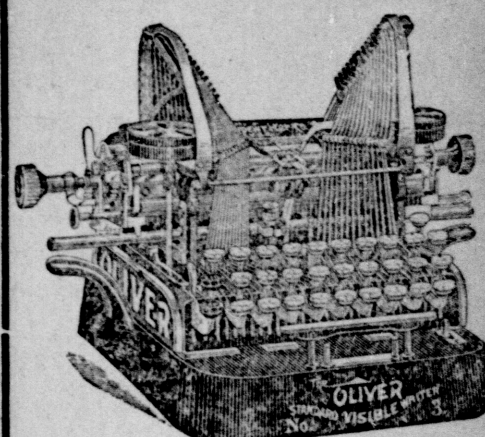
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